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Our personnel situation in Washington is getting no better fast. [redacted] could probably give you a pretty good fill-in on this score. We have recently been limited to one new applicant per month who may be submitted to personnel for complete investigation and processing. Obviously enough, if this continues, it will be a long, long time before we can ever expect to be completely staffed.

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We have been successful in establishing a pool in our own basement where personnel with provisional clearance, including typists, teletypists, editors and monitors, are working. This helps us here in Washington somewhat, but it does not free any of the fully cleared and trained personnel for transfer to overseas assignments. I am quite concerned about this situation but fear that I am going to be a long time in straightening it out.

With reference to your specific situation, it is still my intention to transfer [redacted] and [redacted] to Cyprus when the station is activated. In view of [redacted]'s unexpected return, it would be a great help to us if [redacted] could agree to postpone his reorientation in the States until some time next spring. I note that he is eligible in December and would like to get this point clarified as soon as possible. Please talk to John about this and advise me at your earliest opportunity.

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[redacted] has requested assignment to either London or Cyprus at an early date. In view of the fact that the three girls from London are going to Cyprus, I do not feel that I can send [redacted] there initially, hence it is contemplated that [redacted] be [redacted]

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To O. W. Kaye

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assigned to London in January of 1949. I hope that this will meet with your approval. I realize that you have some reservations about having her assigned to the London Bureau. Nevertheless, she is an outstanding editor and it would be very difficult to deny her this assignment if she wants it. I leave the management of her performance in London to your good judgment and in your good hands.

Sincerely,

L. K. White

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